

Joh 15:3 Now ye are clean through the word which I have spoken unto you.

Christ is not saying that the process is finished, what He is saying is that we are accepted in the beloved (Eph 1:6) if His words are abiding within you. Again Christ is speaking of things that are not as though they were (Rom 4:17) and He knows that we will drink the cup that will purify us over time (Mar 10:39) in advance of our doing it.

Eph 1:6 To the praise of the glory of his grace, wherein he hath made us accepted in the beloved.

Rom 4:17 (As it is written, I have made thee a father of many nations,) before him whom he believed, *even* God, who quickeneth the dead, and calleth those things which be not as though they were.

Mar 10:39 And they said unto him, We can. And Jesus said unto them, **Ye shall indeed drink of the cup that I drink of; and with the baptism that I am baptized withal shall ye be baptized:**

These next couple of verses talk about that process.

Rom 12:2 And be not fashioned according to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, and ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

2Co 3:18 But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are transformed into the same image from glory to glory, even as from the Lord the Spirit.

Joh 15:4 Abide^{G3306} in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself, except it abide in the vine; so neither can ye, except ye abide in me.

An important verse to consider along with Joh 15:4 is Joh 15:2 which tells us that the branch that is bearing fruit, is the branch that is abiding in Christ and is being purged (Heb 12:6-8) so that it brings forth more fruit.

If we abide in Christ and despise not that chastening (Heb 12:5), then He is dealing with us as sons who are being turned into vessels of honour fit for the kingdom (Luk 9:62)

Heb 12:6 For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth.

Heb 12:7 If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not?

Heb 12:8 But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons.

Heb 12:5 And ye have forgotten the exhortation which speaketh unto you as unto children, My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of him:

Luk 9:62 And Jesus said unto him, **No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.**

The word Abide in this verse of Joh 15:4 is the same word used in Joh 8:31-32

Joh 8:31 Then said Jesus to those Jews which believed on him, **If ye continue^{G3306} in my word, *then* are ye my disciples indeed;**

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that **abideth^{G3306} in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.**

The same word is used again in this verse 5...**abideth** ^{G3306} Where Christ is essentially telling us you can tell a tree by it's fruits. If God is working and Christ is working within us we will eventually bring forth much fruit (Joh 14:12 , Php 2:13 , Lev 19:23-25)

Joh 14:12 Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me, the works that I do shall he do also; and greater *works* than these shall he do; because I go unto my Father.

Php 2:13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of *his* good pleasure.

Lev 19:23 And when ye shall come into the land, and shall have planted all manner of trees for food, then ye shall count the fruit thereof as uncircumcised: three years shall it be as uncircumcised unto you: it shall not be eaten of.

Lev 19:24 But in the fourth year all the fruit thereof shall be holy to praise

the LORD *withal*.

Lev 19:25 And in the fifth year shall ye eat of the fruit thereof, that it may yield unto you the increase thereof: I *am* the LORD your God.

The works that Christ did in His Father's name bear witness of Christ (**Joh 10:25**), and the works that we do in Jesus name bear witness (**Rev 11:3**) of us as being sons and daughters of God.

Joh 10:25 Jesus answered them, **I told you, and ye believed not: the works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness of me.**

Rev 11:3 And I will give *power* unto my two witnesses, and they shall prophesy a thousand two hundred *and* threescore days, clothed in sackcloth.

Joh 15:6 **If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast *them* into the fire, and they are burned.**

At first glance this verse may not seem to be of any encouragement, and yet we know that all scripture is profitable for doctrine to encourage those who believe (**2Ti 3:16-17**, **1Co 14:3**).

2Ti 3:16 All scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:

2Ti 3:17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

1Co 14:3 But he that prophesieth speaketh unto men *to* edification, and exhortation, and comfort.

We live every word of God (**Mat 4:4** is was and will be). God is describing the process by which He deals with that part of us that is unprofitable unto Him. That part is first identified by our examining ourselves, whether we're in the faith or not (**2Co 13:5**).

Mat 4:4 But he answered and said, **It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.**

2Co 13:5 Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except

ye be reprobates?

Once I identify this branch in me that is to be cast forth and withered, then I cry out to God and say "help me in my unbelief" if I'm granted the free gift of faith to do so (Mar 9:24 , Eph 2:8).

Mar 9:24 And straightway the father of the child cried out, and said with tears, Lord, I believe; help thou mine unbelief.

Eph 2:8 For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

The men that help me gather those branches to be cast in the fire and burned are the body of Christ, ministering that word to me (Rom 10:17). We also see in the second half of the verse which talks about this process (Joh 15:2) that God is not only getting rid of the unprofitable dead wood, but also helping us prioritize our tree of life within us (Col 1:27) so that we become more and more focused on the things that truly matter (Luk 2:49) and this leads to the bringing forth of the much fruit spoken of in (Joh 15:5).

Rom 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.

Joh 15:2 Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every *branch* that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.

Col 1:27 To whom God would make known what *is* the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles; which is Christ in you, the hope of glory:

Luk 2:49 And he said unto them, *How is it that ye sought me? wist ye not that I must be about my Father's business?*

Joh 15:5 I am the vine, ye *are* the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing.

Joh 15:7 **If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.**

We ask exactly what God has predestined for us to ask (Psa 139:16), and at first we more often then naught ask amiss, and tend to only look to our own needs

and not the needs of others ([Php 2:4](#)).

[Psa 139:16](#) Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all *my members* were written, *which* in continuance were fashioned, when *as yet there was* none of them.

[Php 2:4](#) Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others.

If we ask to no longer consume things upon our own lust then that is where God has us as well ([Jas 4:3](#)). In all asking both amiss and unselfishly God's answer will always be what He has predetermined from the foundation of the world, and He is the one both causing the question and providing whatever response He wants. ([1Jn 5:14](#) , [Eze 14:7](#) [Joh 3:27](#)) God has determined from the foundation of the world how he will answer us when we ask amiss ([Pro 26:4-5](#) , [Eph 1:11](#) , [Rom 8:28](#)).

[Jas 4:3](#) Ye ask, and receive not, because ye ask amiss, that ye may consume *it* upon your lusts.

[1Jn 5:14](#) And this is the confidence that we have in him, that, if we ask any thing according to his will, he heareth us:

[Eze 14:7](#) For every one of the house of Israel, or of the stranger that sojourneth in Israel, which separateth himself from me, and setteth up his idols in his heart, and putteth the stumblingblock of his iniquity before his face, and cometh to a prophet to enquire of him concerning me; I the LORD will answer him by myself:

[Joh 3:27](#) John answered and said, A man can receive nothing, except it be given him from heaven.

[Pro 26:4](#) Answer not a fool according to his folly, lest thou also be like unto him.

[Pro 26:5](#) Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit.

[Eph 1:11](#) In whom also we have obtained an inheritance, being predestinated according to the purpose of him who worketh all things after the counsel of his own will:

[Rom 8:28](#) And we know that all things work together for good to them that

love God, to them who are the called according to *his* purpose.

The point being made in this verse of John is that if we love God, we will be keeping His words, his commandments ([1Jn 5:2](#)), and as such we will be abiding in Him and what we ask shall be done unto us because it is asked in obedience ([Luk 22:42](#)).

[1Jn 5:2](#) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep
(abide in) ^{G5083} his commandments.

[Luk 22:42](#) Saying, **Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done.**

[Joh 15:8](#) Herein is my Father glorified, that ye bear much fruit; so shall ye be my disciples.

All the glory and the honour our God's ([1Ti 1:17](#)) who is the husbandman in charge of the vineyard ([Joh 15:1](#)) whose growth He determines in the seasons and times He is in charge of ([1Co 3:7](#)).

[1Ti 1:17](#) Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God, *be* honour and glory for ever and ever. Amen.

[Joh 15:1](#) **I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.**

[1Co 3:7](#) So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase.

When we bring forth much fruit our Father is indeed glorified seeing He is the one who produced that fruit within us, and He is the one who prepares us to reap the harvest which is plenteous but the labourers few ([Luk 10:2](#)).

[Luk 10:2](#) Therefore said he unto them, **The harvest truly *is* great, but the labourers *are* few: pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he would send forth labourers into his harvest.**

The bearing of much fruit is the gift that God gives to His disciples who in turn will be sent forth to make disciples of all men in time.

God starts with His elect and then He works with the rest of the world afterwards. ([Luk 9:14-17](#), [Luk 24:47](#), [Mat 28:19](#))

[Luk 9:14](#) For they were about five thousand men. And he said to his disciples, **Make them sit down by fifties in a company.**

[Luk 9:15](#) And they did so, and made them all sit down.

[Luk 9:16](#) Then he took the five loaves and the two fishes, and looking up to heaven, he blessed them, and brake, and gave to the disciples to set before the multitude.

[Luk 9:17](#) And they did eat, and were all filled: and there was taken up of fragments that remained to them twelve baskets.

[Luk 24:47](#) **And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.**

[Mat 28:19](#) **Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost:**

[Joh 15:9](#) As the Father hath loved me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.

Does the Father keep His own commandments? This verse declares it! How did Christ love us, and show us that He loved us? ([1Jn 5:2](#)). When we continue in Christ's love, when we continue in God's love, it is all the same, we are abiding, keeping the commandments of God ([1Jn 5:2](#), [1Co 14:37](#)). If we keep God's commandments we will be abiding or continuing in His love as declared in the next verse.

[1Jn 5:2](#) By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God, and keep his commandments.

[1Co 14:37](#) If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

[Joh 15:10](#) If ye keep my commandments, ye shall abide in my love; even as I have kept my Father's commandments, and abide in his love.

God is telling us that if we keep His Father's commandments we will abide in His

love. This is a free gift as well ([Rom 5:5](#)).

[Rom 5:5](#) And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.